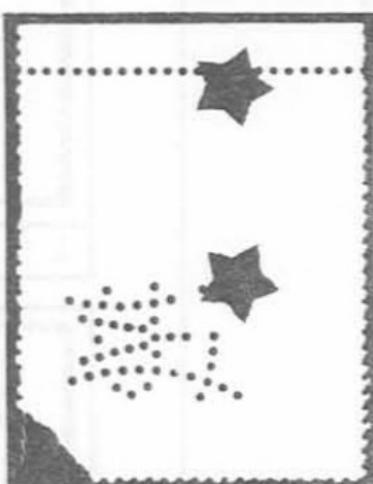


AN INTERESTING FIND

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An interesting acquisition made recently by the writer shows combination of punch and Perfin on the parcel stamps of the J. Spinhayer Co. Both the purple cancel "Messageries/Spinhayer & Co" (used 1912) and the MS monogram Perfin repeat the company name as seen in the illustration.



The stamps were first Perfinned, then affixed to the document, and later punched with two 5 or 6 pointed stars. The size of the star punch varies on the four examples in the writer's collection.

Three of the stamps in two different, though similar, face designs, are Perfinned with MS monogram, and the other stamp has the familiar WAUQUEZ Perfin seen on Belgian stamps. Denominations are 35 brown and gray, and 45 blue and black. Company name is in white letters on a red ribbon.

Collectors may know of other denominations and other private Perfins on these Spinhayer private stamps. Does anyone know of other private delivery services using their own Perfins which tie together Perfin, stamp design, and cancel?